[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

(*c*) Are they aware of the fact that more than 25 per cent. of the shops were given away by the Excise Commissioner to persons who are the relatives of his subordinates?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to hold a searching enquiry into the whole matter and inform this House of the result thereof?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Excise Commissioner has reported that only the highest bids obtained for the shops at the auction sales have been accepted.

(*b*) Government have received a few petitions on the subject. The Excise Commissioner, to whom they were referred, has stated that the allegations made therein are unfounded.

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

Admission into the Law College.

29. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether admission has been refused to a large number of students to the Pleadership Class in the Law College, and, if so, why;

(*b*) the number that applied and the number admitted; and

(*c*) whether, if the number is small, the continuance of this class would be justifiable?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Admission was refused to students who were not qualified for the same under the Rules dated the 1st Vrischikam, 1099.

(*b*) The number of applications is 154 and the number admitted 42.

(*c*) Government accept the opinion of the High Court that, having regard to the number of students in the Pleadership Class, including those admitted this year, this class may be allowed to go on for the current year.

Vernacular Books supplied by Messrs. Macmillan & Co., and Longmans, Green & Co.

30. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there are mistakes and errors in printing and in other respects in the books supplied by Messrs. Macmillan and Co., and Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co., and now used in the Vernacular Schools of the State?

(*b*) Has the Inspector of Vernacular Schools made any report on this matter? If not, will the Government call for an explanation as to why he has failed to do so?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. In view of this, the latter part of the question does not arise.

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